



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport

Reference: Light Rail – Infrastructure Canberra

Hearing: 18 February 2025

In relation to: Light Rail

Question received: 24 February 2025

Answer Due: 3 March 2025

Mr Thomas Emerson MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport:

1. What is the current timeline for completion of the Woden light rail extension?
2. How will the extension improve transport connectivity for people living in southern Canberra?
3. What is the current cost estimate for the portion of light rail that goes over Lake Burley Griffin?
4. What is the current cost estimate of the portion of light rail that goes from the southern side of the lake to Woden?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Information on the project timeline for Commonwealth Park to Woden (Light Rail Stage 2B) can be found here: <https://www.builtforcbr.act.gov.au/projects/transport/light-rail-to-woden>.
2. The extension of the Light Rail service to Woden will service the community living on the southern side of Lake Burley Griffin by providing an easily accessible mass transport service that can be complemented by bus services. When combined with rapid and suburban bus services and integrated active travel routes, the Light Rail system will better connect Canberra to meet our city's future transport needs. Additional information on the project benefits can be found here: <https://www.builtforcbr.act.gov.au/projects/transport/light-rail-to-woden>

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3. Cost estimates for the Light Rail Stage 2B alignment, including the portion of light rail that goes over Lake Burley Griffin and the southern side of the lake to Woden will be developed following obtaining relevant approvals, once the detailed scope is clarified through these processes, and in support of a future business case.
4. Refer to above response.

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By the Minister for Transport, Chris Steel MLA